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METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LIQUID CLEANING AGENT OR

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance of March 11, 2004 (Paper No. 20040307).

Applicants object to the Examiner's Statement because of several inaccuracies. This Comment is being filed to correct and clarify the record.

First, the Examiner states that Applicants have claimed a method of making a ready to use cleaning composition which separates into two aqueous phases, wherein the two phases are not mixed until immediately prior to or upon filling the mixtures into a packaging container. This Statement implies that the two aqueous phases into which the composition separates are the two phases which are mixed immediately prior to or upon filling the mixtures into a packaging container. However, this is not necessarily so, as specifically stated, for example, in claim 2, where each preliminary mixture is different from the composition of each of the aqueous phases which separate in the end product.

Second, at the end of the Statement, the Examiner states that the prior art does not specifically teach a ready to use cleaning composition which separates into two aqueous phases, wherein the two phases are not mixed until immediately prior to or upon filling the mixtures into a packaging container. As already noted above, this implies that the two aqueous phases into which the composition separates are the same as the two phases which are mixed immediately prior to or upon filling. Again, this is not necessarily so.

Finally, Applicants have stated many other reasons why the prior art does not teach the methods of the present invention. Those reasons are set forth in detail in the various responses to Office Actions in this application and are believed to provide further reasons for allowability of the claims over the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF INVENTOR RESIDENCES AND SUPPLEMENTAL **DECLARATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Although it is Applicants' opinion that the claims filed by way of amendment are substantially embraced in the statement of invention or in the claims originally filed, Applicant's herewith file a Supplemental Declaration for precautionary purposes under 37 CFR 1.67.

Please note that the residences of inventors Roger Kaiser and Karl-Ludwig Gibis have changed from Ludwigshafen to Limburgerhof, Germany. It is requested that the new residence be reflected on the printed patent.

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